

HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

February 23, 2010

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Bob Bullen  
Commissioner Carol Cook  
Commissioner Trey Gooch  
Commissioner Will Jordan  
Commissioner Allen McAdoo  
Commissioner Ronald Williams  
Commissioner Jeff Jordan, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess  
Jeff Sandvig  
Gary Clardy  
Rhonda Holton  
Sharon Green  
Myra Thornton  
Tiffany Jones  
Dana Garrett  
Lisa Nolen  
Wayne Blair  
Sam Tune  
Alan Pepper  
Olga Pace  
Brian Lewis

Jeanne Nicholson, Bruce Haley, Lisa Jimison, Theresa Hill, Megan Lerent, Felicia James, Charles Wilson, Amy Kendrill, Samantha Jackson, Libby Sledge, Michael McClaran, Nancy Caulkin, Leslie Friar, Theresa Wilson, Jeff Brown, Joyce Hix, Tim Cobb, Ryleigh Cobb, Ethan Cobb, Phyllis Ferguson, Haylee Ferguson, Mary Alice Curtis, Pam Vaughn, LaNae Turner, Amy Calbaugh, Melissa Price, Will Price, Ben Price, Cheryl Coile, Ivie Burns, Becky Shelton

Chairman J. Jordan presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner W. Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner McAdoo, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COMMUNITY CARE REPORT:

The February 4, 2010 minutes of Community Care were presented for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve the Community Care report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Dana Garrett presented the Health Department report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner W. Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve the Health Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT:

Lisa Nolen presented the Special Projects report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Jordan, to approve the Special Projects report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

Jeff Sandvig and Gary Clardy presented the Board of Education report for the use and information of the Committee. The Committee was reminded at the October 15, 2009 School Board meeting a request was forwarded to the Commission to approve the Excel Energy Group \$2,337,515 proposal for occupancy sensors contingent on State

approval of the system's Efficient Schools Initiative Grant of \$741,480 and the County Commission's approval of financing the \$1,596,035 balance. The State has now approved the School Board grant but the loan documents for the program will not be available for five to seven more months. The School Board was asking to forward to the Commission the seven-year lease purchase plan Mr. Caroom's firm has prepared. The financing terms of this \$2,337,515 proposal match the terms that were approved in October. This would be temporary funding until the loans through the State are ready.

This matter was previously submitted and approved by the Health & Education Committee but held up in Budget Committee because funding was not finalized. It is estimated this program will save the County approximately \$180,000 per year. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gooch moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Jordan, to approve the lighting management system and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The Committee was next advised the School Board was requesting \$5,300,000 for an addition for the Eagleville High School to open August 2012. Phase One of the project includes classrooms, an auditorium and renovation of the cafeteria. Phase Two of the project will be the \$2,700,000 east wing classroom addition.

Mr. Sandvig advised Superintendent Gill did support this request.

Principal Rhonda Holton addressed the Committee advising there are fourteen classrooms in portables with only sixteen high school classrooms in the building. There are only five students in the entire school that have no classes in a portable. Additionally, there is no more space available to place portables. Ms. Holton advised this is the only school in the County without an auditorium and they have to use part of the cafeteria for any play production, club induction, kindergarten graduation, etc. The gym cannot be used for these functions because there is no stage.

Chairman Jordan reminded the Committee no one likes to raise taxes and the School Board and County both have revenue issues. However, the Committee does recognize the need.

Mayor Burgess advised the County had not planned to borrow this year but did anticipate borrowing next Spring and the project cannot be built without borrowing. Mayor Burgess suggested language to the effect that this group endorse Phase One including classrooms, auditorium and renovation of the cafeteria and forward the same to the Budget Committee for when the County goes to the bond market so that funds of approximately \$5,300,000 could be obtained at the next issuance approximately April, 2011. Mayor Burgess advised this was the most practical approach at this time.

"Commissioner Williams moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Jordan, that the Health & Education Committee endorses Phase One of the Eagleville High School Addition including classrooms, the auditorium and renovation of the cafeteria at a cost of approximately \$5,300,000 and forward to the Budget Committee for funding when the County goes to the bond market approximately April, 2011."

Commissioner McAdoo questioned if it would be better to go on and borrow for Phase Two at the same time as there could potentially be savings in doing the entire project at one time. Mr. Sandvig advised Phase One was the more urgent project. Mr. Clardy advised the School Board had compromised by splitting the project into two phases and presented what it thought it could get funded. Commissioner McAdoo advised there needed to be a time frame for Phase Two. Mr. Clardy advised Phase Two is on the bottom of the building

plan with no date. Phase Two includes ten classrooms to cover future growth. Mr. Clardy advised the School Board was concerned other projects may come up that were more urgent and therefore had held up on Phase Two. Wayne Blair representing the School Board advised although both projects are needed the Board knows of the money constraints and felt it prudent to send forward Phase One. Although the Board would appreciate the endeavor it also knows how often it requests money. Mr. Clardy advised they will be asking for a high school but he did not have a time frame. They brought what the School Board voted on and would want the School Board to vote on Phase Two.

Commissioner W. Jordan advised except for the auditorium many other schools have these same issues.

Chairman J. Jordan suggested putting a date on Phase Two, approve the concept and begin the borrowing process. Commissioner Williams advised there is time for the School Board to review and make recommendations and his motion gets the critical part resolved so there is no need to revise his motion.

Phase One gets all current students out of portables and Phase Two is for growth. Commissioner McAdoo advised without including Phase Two with a time frame by the time it is built the students may not be out of portables. Commissioner Bullen suggested tabling the matter until Summer which is past the current budget season because this may not pass Budget Committee. Commissioner Bullen also advised this matter came out of the School Board with a 4 to 3 vote and construction projects should be a unanimous vote. Commissioner McAdoo advised Phase Two needed to be addressed with the election coming up and the potential change in leadership as Phase Two is needed to achieve the goal and have a complete project. Commissioner W. Jordan advised there is always a building program in place and the School Board can address the matter and bring it back. Commissioner Gooch advised the School Board did not ask the Committee to address this and Phase Two is not needed at this time. Commissioner Williams asked Mr. Blair to take the matter of Phase Two back to the School Board. Following discussion,

"The original motion of Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner W. Jordan, that the Health & Education Committee endorses Phase One of the Eagleville High School Addition including classrooms, the auditorium and renovation of the cafeteria at a cost of approximately \$5,300,000 and forward to the Budget Committee for funding when the County goes to the bond market approximately April, 2011 passed unanimously by roll call vote."

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman J. Jordan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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JEFF JORDAN, Chairman